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COUNTRYWIDE TOUR BY NATIONAL SECRETARY

Commencing October 1st in Minneapolis, the National Secretary, Comrade Abraham Ziegler, has been assigned to make a nationwide organizational tour for the purpose of consolidating the forces of the Socialist Union Party in the present crisis.

The tour is of the highest significance at this time, when we are passing through a momentous period in the history of the world. Before our very eyes the lights of bourgeois democracy have been completely turned out in Western Europe and a military autocracy is ruling the working class with an iron hand, rigidly suppressing every attempt of labor to lift its voice in protest.

Here in the United States, American capitalism is preparing to line up with its pseudo-democratic Allies, although technically we are still at peace. Already the war has endangered democratic rights in this country even before we are officially in it. President Roosevelt has announced that measures will be taken to curb all propaganda. Our "Democratic" government cannot wait for the actual outbreak of war to show its mailed fist or repression.

Accordingly, it behooves every member and friend of the Socialist Union Party to make the most of the opportunity provided by this tour to co-operate in spreading the message of De-Leonism among the workers in every part of the country, before we are deprived of freedom of speech and assembly.

In view of the crisis, the National Office has been working under full steam to keep up with developments and to prepare for the tour. A leaflet dealing with the present war crisis has been placed on the press and will be available by the time this message is published. It should not be necessary to stress the imperative necessity of giving this leaflet the widest possible distribution. Branches and members at large should rush in their orders at once. The price is $1.00 per thousand plus postage.

A leaflet on "Labor Unity—the Need of the Hour" has also been prepared. This timely and vital message should be placed in the hands of every union man we can possibly reach. We have also scheduled a leaflet stating the Party's program is simple language, which should soon be available.

With the co-operation of our comrades throughout the country, Comrade Ziegler's tour can be made a huge success. All together, comrades!

BRANCH NEW YORK

Although we have not reported the activities of Branch New York in these columns for several months, that was not because the Branch was inactive. Quite the contrary!

Let it be understood first that upon the membership of Branch New York falls the responsibility for getting out the Party's official organ, LABOR POWER. In addition to this, the ask of pub ishing the Internal Bulletin also devolves on the New York comrades.

Nevertheless, the Branch has not neglected its main function of carrying the message of Socialism to the workers. During July and August a series of successful weekly street meetings have been held at Utica Avenue and Eastern Parkway in Brooklyn with Comrade Wm. Briggs as the principal speaker, assisted by Comrades Sakel, Ziegler, Green, Pozensky and Wilner.

Much interest was manifested by the workers attending these meetings and quite a number of names of interested persons have been secured. In addition, a substantial amount of literature was sold. Meetings will be continued on this corner for the balance of the season.

Plans for the usual fall Study Class are now being completed. Already a number of workers have signified their desire to attend. At the moment the Branch is organizing leaflet squads for the distribution of the "War Crisis" leaflet among New York's industrial workers in thousands of copies.

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THE STALIN-HITLER PACT— A NEW BETRAYAL

It is difficult to remain calm and to attempt to judge objectively the latest betrayal of the interests of the working class by the degenerate bureaucracy of Stalin. The announcement that the U.S.S.R. and Germany had concluded a ten-year Non-Aggression Treaty and a trade agreement burst with startling suddenness on an almost completely unsuspecting world at the end of August. Completely reversing its foreign policy of the past four years, the Soviet Union switched its allegiance from the ranks of the so-called democracies, to the camp of fascism.

To say that the world was stunned is to put it mildly. Ever since the Seventh World Congress of the Comintern in 1935 had laid down the line of co-operation with the democratic capitalist nations, the Soviet Union as well as the various national Communist Parties have advocated and tried to induce the workers to support the policy of "Collective Security," by which the "Democracies" were to repel the onslaughts of the fascist nations. In fact the negotiations for such an alliance between France, Great Britain and the U.S.S.R. were being carried on almost up to the day the Stalin-Hitler pact was signed, with all public indications pointing to a successful outcome after minor differences were adjusted. Military missions from France and Great Britain were still conferring with Soviet army officers, exchanging information to be used against the axis, when the blow-off came.

Not a single Communist Party member outside of Russia was aware that negotiations with Germany had even been conceived, much less that a treaty would actually be consummated. Yet signs were not entirely lacking that a change in Soviet policy was seriously being considered. At the last Russian Communist Party Congress held in Moscow during April the speeches of Stalin and Manuilsky in particular contained veiled warnings directed against Great Britain and France. But even at that time the threats were based on opposition to the "appeasement" policies which Chamberlain and Daladier had been pursuing. Stalin's aim in April appeared to be to frighten Great Britain and France into a stiffer attitude against Germany by holding over them the spector of working class revolt. That he would make a complete somersault and come to the aid of Hitler was, however, expected by none.

Yet that is exactly what the new Non-Aggression Treaty means. It is no mere perfunctory pact with loopholes and "escape clauses". Under its provisions Hitler may attack any other nation with the Soviet Union bound to remain neutral. Thus it is quite conceivable that the workers of some European country may overthrow their capitalist regime and set up a revolutionary government, and yet be unable to count on the aid of Russia if attacked by Nazi Germany. At any rate, under the terms of the new agreement, co-operation with Britain and France is definitely excluded, despite Commissar of Foreign Affairs Molotov's statement to the contrary

In return for Russia's neutrality in the European picture, Hitler has broken the Anti-Comintern Agreement and isolated Japan, which will now be compelled to carry on its imperialist adventures in China and Siberia without benefit of allies. This is the only feature of the Stalin-Hitler pact which is at all defensible and the Stalinist apologists have sought to

divert the attention of the workers from the latest turn of the Kremlin by loud ballyhoo of the diplomatic loss of Japan.

But turn and twist as they may, the Stalinists cannot deny that the pact was of the most valuable assistance to Hitler in preparation for his attack on Poland. Russia could not come to her aid. This fact did not prevent the venal *Daily Worker* from claiming that "the people of Poland, now as before, realize the firm position of the Soviet Union in uncompromising support of their freedom and independence." With such brazen and bare-faced perversions of the simplest facts, it is no wonder that all the erstwhile liberal supporters of the Moscow line have turned from the C.P. in anger and disgust.

The big mystery of the pact is not in what it says, but in what is left unstated. How far does the understanding between Hitler and Stalin really go? The rumors that an actual military alliance between Germany and Russia is in preparation would have seemed fantastic only a few months ago, yet the Berlin press has placed great stress on the recent arrival of a large military delegation from Moscow. At any rate, one great fact stands out through all the murky maneuvers—Stalin is concerned neither with the interests of the workers nor the interests of democracy, nor yet with the interests of the Communist Parties outside the U.S.S.R. He has betrayed them all.

Stalin is acting to preserve his own domination over the Russian masses by presenting them with a coup which relieves them of the menace of war in the West, while it permits them to prepare to settle accounts with Japan in the East. But even if one puts the best possible face on the latest turn in the Kremlin, it is impossible to see aught but ill for the Russian workers and peasants as the outcome. For Russia has now isolated herself from the only force which could prove of real and lasting aid to her—the sympathy and support of the international working class.

From the day the Bolsheviks took power in 1917, they recognized that the entire capitalist world was arrayed against them, ready to take advantage of the slightest weakness to step in and destroy the first workers' government. In fact, it was the protests of the workers in England and France, added to the discontent of the rank and file of the army, that brought about the end of the Allied intervention during the Civil War in 1918-21. From that time to 1935, the policy of the bureaucracy was to protect Russia by taking advantage of divisions among the imperialist nations, at the same time that it sought to set the workers in motion throughout the world against their capitalist exploiters.

With the rise of Hitler, however, the position of Russia became shaky. Wrecking the biggest Communist Party in the world outside of Russia, Hitler came to power shouting defiance at the Soviet Union. Alarmed at the failure of the Germans workers to stop Hitler, Stalin called upon the workers in the "Democratic" nations to form Popular Fronts with liberal and petty-bourgeois elements and to fight for so-called Collective Security, by which Russia and the "Democracies" were to unite forces to resist fascist aggression. For the past four years the workers have been pumped full of Stalinist nonsense about beautiful capitalist democracy and how its fair virtue must be protected from the fascist beast. It is no wonder that the announcement of the Stalin-Hitler pact caused a revulsion of feeling against the Soviet Union which may yet prove its undoing.

From leaning on the democratic capitalist nations, Stalin has turned to the fascists for support. Yet the only real ally a workers' country can depend on—the international proletariat—has been scorned and waved aside. It speaks volumes for the servility of the Comintern and its national parties that not a single important voice in its ranks was raised against this second turn against the workers within four years.

But despite the appearance of harmony within the Communist Parties, they have been completely shaken by the new line, which so utterly contradicts everything they have been telling the workers since 1935. Already the attempts to reconcile the two policies are being abandoned under the stress of the new war. In France and in Britain the Communist Parties have

pledged support to the Allied imperialists against Germany. In this country the C.P. line has not yet been clarified, with Browder still groping confusedly in the dark, trying to guess which way Stalin will jump next. This much is clear: if the Soviet-Nazi pact really provides for a military alliance, then the Communist International is finished. Every national Communist Party will go its own way and support its own bourgeosie.

In the meantime the so-called fellow travelers of the C.P. are hastening to get off the bandwagon. Already the liberal *Nation* and the *New Republic* have denounced the pact. Heywood Broun, prominent columnist and President of the Newspaper Guild, has likewise expressed his disgust. A host of prominent writers, artists, actors and professionals in the many innocent organizations dominated by the Stalinists have made a hasty exit. Only the League for Peace and Democracy seems to have survived the shock with sufficient vigor to issue a statement defending the pact.

This is neither the time nor the place for a philosophical discussion of the factors which led to the degeneration of the Stalinist bureaucracy to its present low estate where it finds a pact with fascism desirable. The fact remains that insofar as the working class of the Soviet Union is concerned, they will have to overthrow Stalinism and all its works if they are to travel the path toward Socialism on which they started in November, 1917. Until the Russian workers accomplish this, they can hope for little support from the world proletariat.

STOP THE SECOND WORLD WAR!

WORKINGMEN OF AMERICA:

For the second time in twenty-five years the lights have gone out all over Europe. In the cold dawn of Friday, September 1st, the second World War flamed out.

Once again the world imperialist powers have divided into two hostile camps engaged in mortal combat with the workers as their cannon fodder . Once again the slogans and catchwords of 1914-18 have been dusted off and dished out to the world to induce the workers to support their masters when they are ready to plunge into the bloodbath.

Workers, do not be deceived a second time! The first World War cost the lives of twenty-six million men and took a terrible toll of starvation and misery. Let us not fall into the trap which the propaganda of the entire capitalist press is setting to enlist our sympathies for the cause of the Allies. The capitalist newspapers dare not speak the truth—THAT THIS WAR IS NOT A STRUGGLE BETWEEN DEMOCRACY AND FASCISM. ITS ONLY PURPOSE IS TO DECIDE WHICH CAMP OF IMPERIALIST BANDITS SHALL DOMINATE THE WORLD!

For there is no essential difference between the "Democratic" imperialism of France and Great Britain, and the Fascist imperialism of Germany and her allies. "Democratic" Britain rules with an iron hand hundreds of millions of colonial natives in Africa and Asia. "Democratic" France carries a similar torch of civilization to its colonies in Africa and the Near East. At home, civil rights have steadily been withdrawn until today the British and French masses are as regimented and controlled as though Hitler or Mussolini had taken them over. Yet this is the kind of Democracy we are being asked to defend!

The hypocrisy of the spokesmen for these very "Democratic" countries was never more glaring than in the speeches of Chamberlain and Daladier announcing that the war was in effect between their respective countries and Germany. At the very moment when they undertook the defense of "democracy" (by coming to the rescue of the semi-fascist Polish government,) these double-dealing politicians were expressing words of praise to Mussolini, founder of fascism and partner of Hitler in the Rome-Berlin Axis, for his efforts in behalf of "peace."

No, fellow workers, the preservation

of democracy cannot be entrusted to the hands of imperialist governments. What they want is to preserve the status quo; i.e., their present dominant position in world affairs and world markets. To them democracy is merely window dressing: a phrase, to be discarded as soon as it has served its purpose of rallying the masses to fight.

CAN AMERICA STAY OUT?

Will the United States be able to keep out of war? Officially we are still neutral. President Roosevelt solemnly assures us that every effort is being made to maintain that neutrality. The press tells us that "public opinion" is overwhelmingly in favor of peace. But that was exactly the state of affairs that existed in 1916 when President Wilson was re-elected on the campaign slogan, "He kept us out of the war!" Within five months of Election Day, the United States had declared war on Germany and our boys were being mobilized. THE UNITED STATES IS INEVITABLY DESTINED TO BE DRAWN INTO THE NEW WAR, AND WITHIN A MUCH SHORTER PERIOD THAN IN THE FIRST WORLD WAR.

The interests of American capitalism are inseparably linked with those of British and French capitalism in this struggle. The American government will not remain indifferent to the fate of the allies for almost three years as it did in the last war. The capitalist class here understands quite clearly that if Germany wins the struggle in Europe, her next point of operations will be South America, where United States trade is still in the ascend dancy.

Even today the sympathy of the American government for the Allies is reflected clearly in the efforts to repeal the existing neutrality law which prohibits all shipments of war supplies to belligerents after war is declared. According to the bill which the administration would substitute, the sale of arms and munitions would be permitted to any country on a cash and carry basis. While technically this would be a neutral policy, actually it would favor the Allies, since only Great Britain and France have the money and the ships to take advantage of the law. This scheme for "neutrality" is intended to commit us to the cause of the Allies!

WHEN WAR COMES

War for the United States will mean the instantaneous imposition of an ironclad military dictatorship with all the fascist trappings.

The notorious Industrial Mobilization Bill, or M Plan, has been completed by the War Department and is ready to be placed before Congress for adoption. Like the Emergency Control Bills adopted at the request of Prime Minister Chamberlain in Britain, or the decree powers granted to the Daladier Cabinet in France, the M Plan will be pushed through under the cry of "Emergency" and overnight the country will find itself in the grip of fascism.

Every male from 18 to 45 will be subject to military service and placed under military control. Those who are not sent into the army will be placed under military discipline in industry. Strikes will be outlawed and the independence of labor organization destroyed. Any criticism or dissent will be met by the sternest measures.

Thus the very first step in the War against European Fascism will lead to the establishment of American Fascism at home. But capitalism can offer no other alternative. *Modern imperialist war can only be waged on a totalitarian basis.*

WORLD'S HOPES REST WITH THE WORKERS

There is still time to prevent this catastrophe and to save America from the butchery that is now drenching Europe in blood. The workers of this country have it in their power to put an end forever to fascist enslavement and the war madness which afflicts all capitalist society, if they would but organize consciously for that end. *The workers control the economic life of the nation and war is impossible if they oppose America's participation.*

In France and England the workers have once again, as in 1914, fallen under the domination of the reformist social-

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EUROPEAN WORKERS FACE NEW BLOODBATH

AFTER a little more than twenty years of comparative "peace" the European imperialists are again lining up in two rival bands, shaking their fists at each other from their heavily fortified borders. The Danzig dispute, brought to crisis by the signing of the Soviet-Nazi pact, is the culmination of ten years of feverish attempts by every capitalist nation in Europe to escape the effects of the worldwide depression born of the lack of markets sufficient to fill the needs of a world geared to the profit system.

The negotiations between the Axis powers and the so-called democracies have been conducted more with an eye to their effect on the workers at home than with any thought of settling, in this manner, the life and death struggle for economic expansion. The British and French spokesmen have gained the support of those who will bear the brunt of the fighting by posing as the standard bearers of lily-white democracy against brutal fascism. Deceived by the same slogans which sent millions to their doom in the last war, the British and French victims of this lying propaganda forget that their governments are far from being the virtuous upholders of freedom, truth and justice they picture themselves. Overlooked or dismissed as unimportant are the hundreds of millions enslaved under the yoke of Britain in India, the millions of natives kept in bondage by French soldiers in Africa and Indo-China.

The Nazi regime and Fascist Italy, through the controlled press and the rad o, have all along been spreading the cla m among their people that all they seek is justice and honorable settlements of their "just" demands for more and more territory. The false fronts put up by both sides are vitally necessary if the necessary enthusiasm is to be aroused among those who are to do the fighting and the dying.

The self-designated protectors of democracy wish their dupes to believe they are the defenders of the smaller and weaker "democracies." Hence they vow that they will not permit Hitler to do unto Poland as he did unto Czechoslovakia with their blessing. (Again they conveniently gloss over the fact that Poland is almost as complete a fascist nation as is Germany or Italy!) To what degree British altruism enters into the defense of Poland can be judged from the fact that in July the two countries almost broke their alliance as the result of a quarrel over the method of spending £5,000,000 loaned by England for the purpose of arming Poland. Instead of handing over the money in gold as desired by the Poles, Britain insisted that the loan be in sterling and that the supplies be purchased in England.

Whatever differences exist in the condition of the workers in the "democracies" and in the totalitarian states will practically disappear as soon as war starts. The workers of Europe will all suffer the same

INSIDE STUFF

"The whispered lies to the effect that the Soviet Union will enter into a treaty with Nazi Germany is nothing but poison spread by the enemies of peace and democracy, the appeasement mongers, the Munich men of Fascism."—*Daily Worker* editorial, before the announcement that a pact was to be negotiated.

"The Soviet Union not only has non-aggression pacts with such countries as China, Poland and a mutual assistance pact with France, but it also has a non-aggression treaty with Italy. And here it must be stressed that in each and every non-aggression pact which the Soviet Union concludes there is a basic clause of Soviet peace policy, which provides that in the event one of the parties to the pact invades or commits an act of aggression against a third nation, that the other party (the Soviet Union) is not bound to the treaty, is free to act in defense of peace." —*Daily Worker* editorial, August 23rd.

Were their faces red when the published pact contained no "escape" clause!

tortures and miseries, if we are to judge by the plans already formulated by England and France for their wage slaves.

Great Britain, to begin with, has adopted universal conscription for the first time in its history. Over and above this, the framework of a totalitarian state has already been prepared, ready to drop into place as soon as the first gun is fired. The country has been divided into 12 provinces, each to be ruled by representatives of industry or persons acceptable to the capitalists of the nation. The Ministry of Labor, in a scheme so much like the American "M" Plan as to suggest collaboration in drawing it up, announced plans last January for "selective recruitment," according to which all workers would become part of the war machine. Workers in armaments, agriculture, textiles, essential public services, food manufacture will be "reserved" while clerical workers, storekeepers, porters, salesmen, etc., will be "eligible" for military service. Workers who are at all troublesome at home will immediately be packed off to the front lines. Britain's social-patriotic labor unions have indicated that they will co-operate with the government in regimenting the workers for war service.

CAPITALISM AND EDUCATION

What the Bosses Want. "As we see it, the great purpose for which the schools were founded was to preserve and strengthen the State by making better and abler citizens. Other benefits derived from it are secondary."—Statement of the New York State Chamber of Commerce.

An Educator Replies. "This is Fascist and Nazi ideology. If I were to summarize the recommendations of the Chamber of Commerce . . . I might say they demand as aims of education the teaching of humility so that the poor may accept with gratitude what is given to them, health that they may be able to work effectively for their employer, ignorance that they may not ask questions."—Dr. Franz Boas of Columbia University.

In a supplement to this plan, announced during August, every resident will be registered when war breaks out. Such registration, according to the announcement, "would give the government a detailed record of its manpower for use in deciding what type of 'national service would be assigned to an individual in an emergency." This precaution is being taken, authorities declare, in order to avoid the mistake of the last war, when skilled workers were sent to be killed in Belgium and France while unskilled youths attempted to carry on production at home. Each citizen will be required to carry his identity card with him, subject to inspection at any time.

A Ministry of Information has already been set up and is functioning to censor all newspaper and radio reports as well as motion pictures. Thus is Britain regimented and the rights of its workers about to be taken away, all in the name of "democracy."

France, the second half of the "Democracy Twins," has been operating on a semi-dictatorial basis for the past six months. In March, Premier Daladier received unlimited power to rule by decree until November 30th. Thus Daladier was given the right to dissolve political parties, end freedom of the press, curtail the right of assembly and even to suspend Parliament if he deemed such measures desirable. Asserting his desire to achieve results as efficiently as the rival fascist governments, Daladier stated, "The totalitarian states are capable of making important decisions rapidly and applying them rapidly. It is impossible and absurd that France cannot act with the same rapidity." Almost his first act after receiving decree powers was to speed up production in war industries by increasing working hours beyond the forty hours established by the Popular Front government in 1936.

On July 28th the Daladier Cabinet decided that no parliamentary elections were to be called for two years, and the present Parliament was prorogued for that period. Eighty new decrees were discussed by which the French nation was to be pre-

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LABOR UNITY — OR DEFEAT!

THE greatest task facing the American Labor Movement today is the cessation of the bitter factional warfare that is decimating its ranks and the unification of the entire trades union movement to present a closely knit line of defense against the onrushing assault of the employers and their political tools.

The present division in labor's forces is seriously undermining workers' solidarity among the organized, discouraging and repelling the unorganized, and supplying a welcome handle to the forces of fascist reaction who are determined to hogtie labor with government regulation and control.

On practically every industrial front are to be found dual unions, sharply battling each other for control of the workers, while the employers watch, eagerly, to make a bargain with whoever offers the best terms, or to crush altogether both sides, if their struggles have weakened them sufficiently. And the unions, on their part, anxious to drive out the hated rival and secure "recognition," have not been above offering various "concessions" to the bosses. Thus we have the disheartening spectacle of C.I.O and A.F.L. bidding against each other to gain the employers' good will, at the sacrifice of labo standards built up after years of struggle.

Political Reaction Against Labor

Nor have the enemies of labor on the political field been slow to take advantage of the division in labor's ranks. The past two years have witnessed an uninterrupted assault on labor in the halls of Congress and the various state legislatures. One court decision after another has been rendered against the workers. Disgust with factional labor struggles was the prime factor in the passage of the anti-picketing referendum in Oregon in 1938.

The last Congressional session was featured by almost unrestrained attacks on labor and labor standards. We need but recall the scuttling of the W.P.A. by the elimination of the prevailing wages rule, the forced layoff of all workers continuously employed for 18 months, the abolition of the Federal Theatre Project, and the enforced reduction of the already-too-low security wage under the pretext of "averaging" all unskilled wages. The notorious Dies Committee was created, ostensibly to investigate "un-American" activities, but in reality mainly to attack workers and their organizations, political and economic.

In addition, committees to investigate the administration of the Wagner Labor Relations Act and the W.P.A. were also formed, preliminary to the introduction of amendments designed to cut down the few standards still recognized by existing laws. While the Wagner Act was not directly amended at the last session, the National Labor Relations Board was nevertheless forced to yield to Congressional pressure to alter its own rules of procedure so as to provide for the calling of elections by the workers at the behest of the employers. Up to this time the Labor Board had stubbornly opposed this change on the ground that it would play into the hands of the employer who

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Treason under Fascism. The entire American press got a big laugh a few weeks back when a cable from Stuttgart, Germany, reported Prof. Wirz of the Nazi Bureau for Public Health as stating, "Overindulgence in eating is not only injurious to one's health but also constitutes a form of treason." He added that the German people, on the average, had been eating altogether too much.

This cable came right on the heels of figures issued by the German health authorities which showed that Germany has the highest per capita loss of working time resulting from illness due to malnutrition.

Prof. Wirz may be right; the German people, on the average, may be overeating, but it's a sure thing the workers are not.

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would seek to force an election before the union had sufficient time to conduct an organizing campaign.

The State Legislatures had previously set the pace for the Congressional labor baiters. State after state produced a record-breaking crop of labor-crippling laws which sought to bring back the worst days of labor repression. Not all of these laws passed, and not all of those which passed were signed by the governors of the various states, but the trend is unmistakable. These bills were merely the beginning of the attack. When the state legislatures reconvene this winter and when Congress returns to Washington, they can be depended upon to return to the job of clipping labor's wings.

The Need for Unity

In the face of this growing movement against the workers and their organizations, the need for labor unity and solidarity as the basis from which to organize the resistance to the employers' reactionary assaults becomes ever more pressing and imperative. If this is not achieved, the alternative may be seen in the plight of the European workers groaning under the heavy yoke of fascism.

Let there be no misunderstanding. Labor unity in itself, without correct political understanding, is incapable of preventing the victory of fascism. But, on the other hand, the savage internecine war between rival workers' groups in itself acts to prevent the workers from realizing their common interests against the bosses. That war must be halted so that the workingmen and women of the nation may have the chance to close ranks before the fascist hordes overwhelm us.

At this crucial moment in the history of American labor we find the officials of both the American Federation of Labor and the Congress of Industrial Organizations, deliberately fostering a continuation of the suicidal split between them. As ever, these gentlemen are more interested in promoting their own selfish factional interests, in maintaining their own prestige and power, or in collecting more dues, than they are in advancing the welfare of the workers and promoting labor solidarity. That is why they have deliberately gone out of their way to add fuel to the flame of antagonism between the two groups by creating new competing unions where unions already exist.

Union Leaders Foster Disunity

The action of William Green and his associated labor fakers in chartering paper unions in the automobile industry, in the mines and in other lines already organized by the C.I.O. is a piece of knavery which plays directly into the hands of labor's opponents. Nor were the employers slow to take advantage of the opportunity, as the soft coal lockout last spring and the long refusal of General Motors to negotiate with the U.A.W. graphically illustrate.

On the other hand, John L. Lewis and his crew of wreckers who run the C.I.O.

The Fascist "Reconstruction" in Spain. "General Francisco Franco today decreed that all Spanish men between the ages of 18 and 50 must work fifteen days each year for the State without pay." —A.P. dispatch from Burgos, July 30th.

"Interior Minister Ramon Serrano Suner has organized a new corps of censors to eliminate from Spanish literature, musical compositions and paintings anything considered inimical to the interests of Spain.—A.P. dispatch from Burgos, August 1st.

"The Nationalist government assumed control of the financial affairs of Spanish families today through a decree requiring presentation for government inspection of family budgets, showing money received and spent and the amount of food consumed."—A.P. dispatch from Madrid, August 3rd.

But if no one else likes it, at least the Pope feels "an immense consolation" because Franco and his gangsters are "the defenders of the faith and the civilization of your fatherland." If this is civilization, we'll take vanilla.

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are guilty of exactly the same crime when they attempt to enter the building trades field, in competition with the existing A.F.L. unions. Let no worker be misled by Lewis's attempt to justify his jurisdictional raid by talking about the admittedly reactionary character of the craft unions. His own unions smell no better. Right down to the present day, Lewis is the virtual dictator of the United Mine Workers, not to mention the S.W.O.C. which he runs through his henchman, Murray, with the members having nothing to say. The C.I.O. invasion of the building field is a pure and simple attempt to set workers fighting against workers for the benefit of labor bureaucrats and the bosses.

The Workers Must Act

No, the workers can expect nothing except betrayals from their top leadership. If they would achieve unity and solidarity, the rank and file must take the initiative. Numerous local and state divisions of both the A.F.L. and the C.I.O. have adopted resolutions urging the cessation of the ruinous division between them. If these are to mean more than just words, the efforts of militant workers must go further. Concrete action can and should be taken to set up local and statewide A.F.L.-C.I.O. Unity Committees which will have the task of preserving workers' solidarity locally while co-ordinating the campaign for unity.

The SOCIALIST UNION PARTY urges and supports such action by the rank and file because it recognizes the vital importance of organizational unity as a *first step* in meeting the attacks of the fascist reaction. At the same time, we must repeat that labor unity in itself is no "cure-all" which can of itself miraculously heal labors' wounds. The defeat of the workers in Germany, Austria and Italy, countries where substantial organizational unity of labor prevailed, but where the political consciousness of the workers was limited to the struggle to get as much out of the dying capitalist system as they could, bear eloquent testimony to the weakness of "unity" without a revolutionary program. When fascism came to do battle, these workers were unprepared for the struggle. They were forced to surrender almost without a battle. Now their fate is slavery.

If Labor Unity is to be more than just a phrase it must be based on the conscious understanding of the workers of the oneness of the interests as against those of the employers. To make unity effective, the workers must be imbued with the knowledge that only the overthrow of the system which permits their brutal exploitation at low wages and their callous removal from the industries at the will of their capitalist owners, can solve their problems.

Without this understanding, effective labor unity is not possible as witness the continuous jurisdictional squabbling of the A.F.L. unions as well as the jurisdictional raids of the industrial C.I.O. Amalgamated Clothing Workers Union against the International Ladies Garment Workers Union.

The workers must make the first step in the process of revitalizing the American labor movement into a democratic, fighting organization capable of emancipating itself from the bondage of capitalist exploitation.

The Socialist Union Party calls all militant workers to the task of achieving Labor Unity. *Tarry not—the time is short!*

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STALWARTS, DRAW CLOSE!

On every hand, the working class is in retreat. The successive defeats sustained by the international labor movement since the rise of Hitler to power in Germany, coupled with the degeneration of the Russian Revolution and the domination of the Stalinist bureaucracy have definitely placed revolutionary Socialists on the defensive in every country. A spirit of defeatism has pervaded the movement and discouraged militants have retired to the sidelines.

Throughout the United States are to be found thousands of advanced workers, ex-radicals and former revolutionists, who have withdrawn from the struggle, convinced that activity at the present time is hopeless and that the workers, lacking in revolutionary determination, are doomed to defeat and enslavement by fascism.

This attempt to salve their consciences by shifting the blame for their own discouragement and inactivity to the shoulders of the working class neither solves the problems of these ex-militants, nor does it present a truthful picture of the workers' attitude. It was not the workers who were lacking in courage and determination, as their heroic struggles against the rising forces of fascism in Italy, Germany, Austria and Spain eloquently protest. That they were defeated was due to the cowardice and betrayals of their leadership as well as their lack of proper organization and revolutionary understanding. The latent class instinct of the workers was run into the ground by the opportunist leadership of the Social Democracy and the Stalinists.

The defeats in Europe have placed an even greater responsibility on the American working class. Not only are the workers confronted with a powerful and growing fascist reaction, but America is the last hope of the international proletariat. If we fail here, the whole working class goes down with us. Tha tis why desertion from the ranks and laying down on the job of carrying on revolutionary propaganda is especially culpable at this time.

That is why it is incumbent on every true revolutionist to search his conscience and ask himself whether he is doing everything of which he is capable to aid the movement.

It is only too true that the present state of disorganization within the ranks of labor bodes ill for the workers and, unless remedied, dooms them to ignominious defeat. But that is no reason for the self-styled revolutionist to quit in the thick of the battle, thus making the task of the enemy that much easier and the day of his victory that much nearer.

It is not what we did yesterday that counts today. The tasks that confront us now are too many to allow us to sit back and glory in past achievements, particularly when we have won no victories, and the specter of defeat looms before us. To all former active revolutionary workers, as well as to our own comrades, sympathizers and friends who have allowed their discouragement to make them apathetic, we make this appeal:

Get into the fight today. Your efforts and ours may bring victory; without them defeat may come so much sooner!

Never has the working class needed revolutionary counsel and inspiration more than today. Let none of us shirk his responsibility any longer On to the task before us: Agitate! Educate! Organize!

ABRAHAM ZIEGLER,
Provisional National Secretary.

No Funds for Relief, But . . . The War Department announced today the award of contracts totalling $85,978,000 for military planes and engines, the largest single arms order ever placed in peace time. The purchase of the planes will necessitate the acquisition of other material which will bring the total outlay to more than $100,000,000.—Washington dispatch to the **New York Herald Tribune,** August 10th.

WORKERS FACE NEW WAR

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pared for war under orders from which there can be no appeal. France, alleged champion of democracy, is ruled today by a virtual dictatorship.

Even the slight concessions granted to the workers by the Popular Front government have now been taken from them and the workers themselves are now part of the war machine. Civil liberties have been severely curtailed and censorship of the press has been instituted. Ironically enough one of the first to feel the brunt of censorship was the Communist press, which was subjected to repression after the Russo-German Pact was signed. *L'Humanite* had been loudest of all papers in its cries to the workers to rally round French "democracy" in the coming struggle against fascism. Not even Marcel Cachin's pledge of Communist support to the French government in the event of war was enough to halt the raiding of C.P. headquarters and the confiscation of literature by the police.

In Germany and Italy the workers are completely co-ordinated with the war machine and have been ready for some time for the inevitable hostilities to begin. If there is any real difference between the status of the workers in the "democracies" as compared with those of Germany and Italy, it is that in the fascist nations food supplies are so low that rationing has begun even before war actually breaks out, whereas Britain and France still are able to purchase sufficient to avoid the need of bread cards as yet.

The imperialist gangsters on each side have now almost completely lined up the workers behind them in readiness for a war, beside which the conflict of 1914-18 will seem a tea-party. In addition to the highly-efficient murder machinery which has been perfected for use on the field of battle since the last war, the next will provide the setting for the unlimited attacks on great cities by giant bombers which have been designed to spread death and destruction among millions of innocent civilians, chiefly women, children and the aged.

The capitalist system, now in its death throes, would destroy all civilization in its wake. The rulers of the most powerful nations are unable to stop the catastrophe, because those nations themselves exist only to protect the profits of their capitalists. Thus they must continue to struggle for markets or for raw material, even though that struggle means destruction. If there is any hope of stopping war, even at this late date, that hope rests only on the workers; those who have the least to gain and the most to lose from the war.

Chamberlain did not bow to Hitler at Munich last year because he desired peace more than he desired the supremacy of Great Britain. Nobody suspects Chamberlain of such humanitarianism. Chamberlain yielded then because he feared that something more dangerous to British interests than a fascist victory might arise if Britain went to war. He feared a revolution in Germany, a Socialist revolution which would spread to France, then to Britain, to the rest of the continent and wipe capitalism out of Europe! And the present delays and negotiations with Hitler over Danzig and the Polish Corridor —are they not motivated by fear of what will transpire in the minds of the workers once the guns actually begin roaring?

At any rate, that is the only answer to those who are now preparing to butcher countless millions for the sake of the great God, Profit—Revolutionary opposition to the plans of the imperialist war mongers! Only by gathering their forces for the overthrow of their ruling classes can the English, French, German, or Italian workers hope to avert the horrors of the war towards which they are headed. If they fail to act, all Europe will emerge from the holocaust under the sway of fascism. Then the task of the American working class, trying to beat off the forces which are dragging it nearer and nearer to war and fascism, will be doubly difficult.

—F. PIERSON

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THE THIRTY-HOUR WEEK

A PETITION is now being circulated around the shops asking Congress to pass laws which will place into effect a 30-hour week in industry. Its intent, of course, is to alleviate unemployment through the shorter work-week. The petition in itself is very conclusive evidence that some people never learn anything.

For ten years, or ever since the collapse of the industrial system in 1929, there have been all sorts of panaceas advocated as the means of aiding those who were most sorely hit when the capitalist system reached its logical goal. Most of these schemes had to do with legislation. Many of these schemes were enacted into law. President Roosevelt has attempted a score or more of these nostrums since he took office in 1933, and in spite of his sincerity of purpose, we are still wallowing around just as we were in the past.

It should be obvious to all that there is no law which Congress can pass which will solve the problem which confronts us today. But even if we believe that a Congressional act can give us a 30-hour week, it would be a waste of time for workers to memorialize Congress for such action. When one considers that ardent people have worked for more than forty years trying to get a child labor law on the statute books, it is easily conceivable that another forty years attack for a 30-hour law is likely to be as effective as the former.

The objective of the petitionists is to get 40 million workers to sign the list signifying their desire. After the lists are filled out, the scrolls will be brought to Congress and most likely end in some waste basket. That has been the ultimate end of other petitions of this character.

If 40 million workers in America want the 30-hour week there is an easier way of establishing it than to wait on the pleasure of a Congress which represents the employers. That quicker and surer method is through their unions.

This week the International Typographical Union is meeting in convention. That is the Congress of the organized printers of America and Canada. Just suppose that this convention decides that on and after a certain date, the printers will only work 30 hours per week. Let us suppose that the convention of pressmen decide upon the same purpose. And that the individual conventions of all the other trades which are organized, whether it be in the A. F. of L. or the C.I.O., also go along on the same proposition. The laws passed by these congresses can be put in effect on the date selected and no law of Congress can stop them.

This is the economic power of the working class in action. The economic power of the workers is the strongest in present society, providing it is put to the proper use. If six or eight million organized workers in this country should collectively demand the 30-hour week, there is no power on earth which can prevent them from attaining their goal.

Surely after ten years of failure, workers should begin to realize that they are wasting their time asking politicians to relieve them from the sins of industry. Workers are organized into unions for their own protection. Why don't they use their organized forces for the purposes intended instead of relying on some politician to play doctor for them?

Labor today is the source of industrial life. Without our labor power, everyone would starve, despite their worldly possessions. It is labor alone which keeps the wheels turning.

This is the source of the strength of labor. This is the thing we should strive to make workers learn. Instead of confusing workers by asking them to sign petitions, we should teach them to use their forces to better themselves and we may be certain that as labor becomes conscious of its power, it will also realize the futility of patching up the capitalist system. It will then strike a decisive blow in its own behalf, and in the behalf of society, by burying the putrid corpse of capitalism and establishing a sane industrial system, where human beings can enjoy the advantages which twentieth century civilization is capable of rendering.

—JOSEPH BRANDON

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STOP THE SECOND WORLD WAR!

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patriotic labor leaders, who have led them into blind support of their capitalist masters. *This must not happen here.*

All the power of capitalist propaganda will be directed in the coming period to securing the loyalty and co-operation of the workers for America's entrance into the war. But to whom do you really owe alliegance?

Shall you remain loyal to capitalism and to its vicious exploitation of the workers? Shall you support the imperialist thieves who plunged the entire world into war in 1914 at the cost of over twenty-six million lives and untold misery and privation? Shall you defend the rotten system which prepared the ground for fascist barbarism in Europe and which is ready today to plunge the United States into the second World War and a military dictatorship?

Or is not your loyalty rather to the millions of workers throughout the world who have been victimized by capitalism all their lives and now turned into cannon fodder for the profit of their masters? Should you not support the movement to overthrow the system which breeds the twin scourges of war and fascism? Is it not your duty to defend the organizations of your fellow workers against the onslaughts of the war mongers?

WHAT MUST BE DONE

Fellow workers, the Socialist Union Party calls upon you to repudiate and drive out of your ranks those traitors to your interests who seek your support for the bosses' war! Let them and their masters know in no uncertain terms that you refuse to do the dying so that their profits may be preserved.

Be on guard against the confusionists who are spreading the pernicious nonsense of the Ludlow War Referendum Amendment. They would have you believe the fairy tale that you can rely on the capitalist government and its electoral machinery to stay out of war. War cannot be stopped by ballots today any more than it was stopped in 1916 when the American people re-elected Wilson on his pledge to keep America out of war. To stop war the workers can rely only on their own class strength.

To meet the combined menaces of war and fascism which threaten to overwhelm us the labor movement must put an end to the present state of disorganization and division which is robbing it of its strength and the solidarity which is vitally necessary to carry out the tasks of the day.

Most important of all, labor must organize its forces on the basis of the class struggle, rejecting the capitalist political philosophy which seeks to tie the workers to the war machine. The goal of the working class movement must be the overthrow of the exploiters and the establishment of the Industrial Republic of Labor. *For Socialism is the only road to Peace, Plenty and Security!*

UNYIELDING OPPOSITION TO IMPERIALIST WAR!

END WAR AND FASCISM BY DESTROYING CAPITALISM!

FOR LABOR UNITY ON A CLASS STRUGGLE BASIS!

ALL POWER TO THE SOCIALIST INDUSTRIAL UNION!

The Socialist Union Party calls upon all workers to join its ranks to aid in carrying on the revolutionary struggle against War and Fascism!

WHERE WE STAND

The Socialist Union Party and the Working Class

THE prolonged crisis of the past ten years has established beyond all doubt that capitalism is bankrupt. Already, long since, the weakest nations of the capitalist world have fallen prey to the claws of the fascist beast. Here in the United States, the superior economic position of the American capitalist class and its huge financial reserves have enabled them to survive up till now. However the end of even this strong ruling class is in sight as it is faced with the unsolv-

able problems of unemployment, mounting taxes and decreasing profits.

Capitalism, once the handmaiden of progress, has long ago outlived its social usefulness and has become the tool of reaction. Its continued existence is bringing all of humanity to the brink of social chaos. It must be destroyed if the forward march of society is to be resumed.

Only the workers can save civilization. History has allotted to the working class the historic task of putting an end to the intolerable exploitation of man by man and the division of society into ruling and ruled classes. This social revolution, however, is no automatic affair, attainable merely at the wish of the exploited masses. It can only be achieved as the result of the conscious action of the workers, crystallized in revolutionary political and industrial organization.

Composed of advanced workers who recognize the problem before them, the Socialist Union Party is dedicated to the task of rousing, educating and organizing the mass of the working class for the revolutionary act of emancipation. The S. U. P. bases itself on the revolutionary teachings of Karl Marx, founder of Scientific Socialism.

Obedient to the Marxist tenet that every class struggle is a political struggle, the S.U.P. endeavors to organize the working class politically for the conquest of power from the capitalist class. Unlike other so-called workers' parties, the S.U P comes before the workers with but one plank in its platform—the overthrow of capitalism! That, basically, is the only political issue before the workers today. The alternative before us is either the triumph of Socialism or the triumph of fascism.

Capitalism is beyond redemption. Any attempt to reform capitalism, whether it proceeds from the camp of the avowed supporters of the system, like the New Deal, or whether it comes from the ranks of labor, is doomed to failure. At best it can only result in temporarily propping up the tottering system, and thus prolonging its existence artificially, at the expense of the workers. At this stage of history the advocacy of reforms only serves to run into the ground the revolutionary class instincts of the workers.

Political organization is not all-sufficient, however, for the workers to accomplish the act of social revolution. Political action is only the head of the lance of proletarian emancipation; industrial organization is its indispensable shaft. The real strength and power of the working class lies in its economic control over the means of production and distribution. Consciously organized into integral Industrial Unions with the aim of abolishing capitalism, this power makes the proletariat invincible.

The Socialist Industrial Union has a twofold mission. The first, its immediate task, is to carry on the inevitable daily struggle against capitalist exploitation and thus ameliorate to whatever extent possible the horrible conditions under which the workers exist under capitalism. The second, and supreme mission of the Industrial Union is to organize the economic power of the working class so that it may be prepared eventually to take over, hold and administer the industries in behalf of society. Thus is created under capitalism in embryonic form the structure which will supplant the capitalist political state.

The Socialist Union Party, while uncompromisingly pursuing its revolutionary objective, does not hold itself aloof from the unavoidable daily class struggle. Its members actively participate in all phases of the workers' resistance to capitalist exploitation and aggression. On the economic field, the S.U.P. wholeheartedly supports the struggles of the existing unions against the employers.

Our support, however, is neither blind nor uncritical. The existing unions, both in the A.F. of L. and in the C.I.O., are far from being ideal working class organiztions. Their capitalist political philosophy and their antiquated structure seriously impair the strength and solidarity of the workers. The S.U.P. points out these deficiencies to its fellow workers. We emphasize the imperative necessity of recasting these unions into Socialist Industrial Unions embracing all the workers in their respective industries. As a

first step in this process, the S.U.P. works for the unity of all of labor's forces. Only such revolutionary political and industrial organization as above outlined can cope with the onrushing menace of fascism.

At the same time the Socialist Union Party fully supports the struggles of the unemployed and their organizations to wrest a pittance of relief from the capitalist state. We hold that the unity and close solidarity of the employed with the unemployed are essential for their mutual protection.

In supporting the daily struggles of the workers, employed and unemployed, the S.U.P. endeavors to co-ordinate and to link them up with the larger struggle of the working class for the abolition of the wages system. It strives to teach the workers that, in the well-known words of Marx:

> "At the same time and quite apart from the general servitude involved in the wages system, the working class ought not to exaggerate to themselves the ultimate working of these everyday struggles. They ought not to forget that they are fighting with effects, but not with the causes of those effects: that they are retarding the downward movement, but not changing its direction; that they are applying palliatives, not curing the malady. They ought, therefore, not to be exclusively absorbed in these unavoidable guerilla fights incessantly springing up from the never-ceasing encroachments of capital or changes of the market. They ought to understand that, with all the miseries i imposes upon them, the present system simultaneously engenders the material conditions and *social forms* necessary for an economic reconstruction of society. Instead of the *conservative* motto: *"A fair day's wages for a fair day's work!"* they ought to inscribe on their banner the *revolutionary* watchword: *"Abolition of the wages system!"*

Unless the workers take this lesson to heart, their daily struggle will have been fought in vain, and they will find themselves defeated and condemned to the living hell of fascist slavery.

Workers, organize for Socialism and Emancipation!

CAPITALIST DEMOCRACY OR INDUSTRIAL DEMOCRACY?

HELD under the auspices of Teachers College, Columbia University, the Congress on Education for Democracy has just concluded its sessions in New York City. This was the latest move in the campaign of the defenders of capitalist democracy to form a common ideological front to meet the challenge of fascism.

The congress attracted international attention. A number of leading British figures were present, including former Prime Minister Earl Baldwin and Ernest Bevan, prominent Trade Union leader. Edouard Herriot, President of the French Chamber of Deputies, sent a long message. In addition, there were delegates from some 28 groups, representing business, labor and the professions. Among the organizations represented were the A.F. of L., the C.I.O., the National Association of Manufacturers, the American Legion, the National Grange and many others. In fact only the presence of Earl Browder was lacking to make the occasion a 100 per cent roundup of the apologists and supporters of "democratic" capitalism.

As our readers well know, LABOR POWER is second to none in unyielding hatred of fascism and all its works. Nevertheless, we refuse to join in the current hue and cry over the defense of "democracy." For it is not democracy at all which the congress is striving to save, but only a label covering the capitalist political governments of France, England and the United States, which are, essentially, as deadly enemies of the workers and of working class emancipation as the fascist regimes.

What LABOR POWER is interested in maintaining are the democratic rights of freedom of speech, press and assembly, all of which have been completely taken away from the workers in the fascist countries and are in the process of being

strangled in the so-called democracies. When the United States enters the new imperialist war those precious rights will go the same way as in the rest of the world unless the working class stands firm against their suppression. LABOR POWER is concerned with democracy in fact and not with the mere name.

The truth of the matter is that political "democratic" governments are not dedicated to the preservation of moral or ethical ideals of liberty, but are in fact merely instruments by which the great masses of the population are kept chained to their status of wage slaves, and by which the capitalist class is ensured the enjoyment of its ill-gotten gains and the continuation of its rights to ruthless exploitation. All the platitudes of the idealistic apologists and defenders of the status quo merely serve to hide this basic fact. Whenever, as in Germany and Italy, the democratic form is inadequate to maintain the rule of the capitalist class, it is scrapped and fascism is substituted. In other words, fascism is merely capitalism with its democratic mask removed.

The immediate problem of the democratic capitalist countries is to ward off the challenge of the fascist nations to their dominance in world affairs. Germany and Italy are no longer content to play the subordinate roles assigned to them after the first World War when the victorious France and England took for themselves the lion's share of the imperialist spoils. The fascist nations are out to hijack this rich booty. When the defenders of capitalist democracy issue a call to arms, what they really mean is that they wish the rest of us to defend the loot of the original thieves.

That the "democracies" are interested in material considerations only, and not in ideologies is proven by the frequent statements by the spokesmen for Britain and France that they have no desire to interfere with the internal affairs of the fascist countries. As a matter of fact their alliance with Poland, a semi-fascist dictatorship, shows that no moral principles are involved. On the other hand, when it is recalled that at the time of the Bolshevik Revolution in Russia the allied capitalist powers, including the United States, utilized every resource at their command to overthrow the workers' and peasants' government by armed intervention, the key to their actions is clear: they are concerned first with preserving capitalism in their own countries, and second, with beating back the advance of the workers anywhere else.

As is customary in such gatherings, the proceedings of the Congress on Education for Democracy were cast in an aura of idealism and high morality. Speaker after speaker thundered against the sinful iniquities of fascism and its crimes against liberty. Earl Baldwin's speech was the keynote.

> "We have to show the world," he warned, "that we have ideals, no less than the rulers of the totalitarian states; that our ideals are harder of accomplishments because they are far higher; they involve the co-operation of men of their own free will endeavoring to work with God Himself in the raising of mankind. In a totalitarian state the will must be surrendered, surrendered to the will of one fallible man. And no man is fitted for absolute power over the wills of his fellow men."

When he got down to cases, however, the noble Earl made abundantly clear just what was behind these beautiful "higher ideals" of the democratic capitalist states. According to the reporter of the *New York Herald Tribune*:

> "Lord Baldwin made it evident that he was certain that democracy could not be saved by a major democracy among those left in the world isolating itself from the rest of the world. He made reference to the fact that 'great events in one continent have their repercussions in another' and that 'no one can live out his life in a walled garden.'
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> " 'Let us recognize that we both have a great part to play,' he said, referring to the relations of England and the United States, 'and get on each with our own job at home, each convinced of the warm sympathy of the other, working for the same great ends, but not necessarily on the same lines.' "

We are certain that the plain intent of

this language has not escaped the reader. It is an SOS call for American capitalism to come to the aid of Britain in retaining the spoils she received in 1919 and in holding intact the British Empire. The propaganda of 1914-17 to convince the American workers that they ought to go to war in the name of democracy and idealism is to be repeated, only on a much larger scale.

From following the proceedings of the Congress, one unacquainted with conditions in the United States would hardly discover that the forces of fascist reaction have raised their ugly heads here and that they are spreading with leaps and bounds. Among other things, there is now pending before Congress the notorious M Plan, which has the blessing of the Roosevelt administration, and which is designed to go into effect upon the entrance of the United States into war. According to the plan ordinary civil rights would be suspended and the country immediately placed under a military dictatorship; strikes would be outlawed and labor organizations put under the control of regional industrial boards composed of capitalists. In the face of this impending fascisization of the country, the congress did not see fit to raise even a feeble protest.

In opposition to the false and specious slogans of capitalist democracy, the Socialist Union Party raises the slogan of Industrial Democracy, which stands for workers' ownership and control of industry, the abolition of exploitation and class rule. Let no worker deceive himself that the menace of fascism can be done away with except by striking at its roots and the soil in which it grows, i.e., dying capitalist democracy, and the quest for profits at the workers' expense which it protects Capitalism must go or the entire world will be strangled by the poisonous weed.

Only the class conscious political and economic organization of the working class can win a victory over fascist barbarism. Even the day to day struggle to repel the ever-increasing fascist attacks will be ineffective unless it is backed up by the only real strength of the workers, their unions. Dependence on democratic capitalism, by breeding false illusions among the workers and blinding them to the real nature of the capitalist government, disarms the workers and assures the ultimate triumph of fascism.

Industrial Democracy, which means the democratic management and operation of socially owned industries, is the only way out for the working cla.ss.

—ABRAHAM ZIEGLER

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WHILE THERE STILL IS TIME

The long-heralded Second World War is now on in full blast. As yet America remains at peace, but for how long? That we will be in the midst of the raging holocaust within six months is not at all a fantastic prediction.

Once America enters the war we can look for attempts at the speedy liquidation of the revolutionary labor movement and the silencing of its press.

Now as never before in the history of American labor is the class conscious worker faced with the imperative revolutionary duty of redoubling his efforts on behalf of the Socialist press, the only truthful source of information and education for the working class in the capitalist world.

Let every reader of LABOR POWER appoint himself or herself a committee of one to push the work of circulating LABOR POWER over the widest possible area, thus helping to extend its circle of influence. The need for a live, fighting exponent of Marxism-De Leonism, able to bring to the masses the message of working class emancipation is so great that no worker can shirk this duty.

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